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Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Notice for the Public Review of the Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay

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General Comment

Re: Draft Bay TMDL

To Whom It May Concern:

My brother and I own and operate over 4000 acres of cattle farm in Fauquier County, Virginia. Since commencing our operation in 1950 we have implemented many Best Management Practices including:

- No till for over thirty years,
- Grass waterways,
- Detention and sediment basins on several of our major streams and feedlot discharge,
- Fertilizer uses in accord with strict soil tests,
- Cover crops and rotation practices as appropriate.

We strongly oppose implementation of the proposed regulations for agriculture.

The major asset of a cattle farm is the opportunity for cattle to have free access to natural running water. Such access is a major element of the valuation of farm land. The proposed requirement of fencing cattle out of streams, the introduction of the federal bureaucracy in the management of our farm, and the restrictions of fertilization will force abandonment of our farm operations. If required to follow federal mandates, it is abundantly clear that we could not continue our current operation despite the fact that we are committed to and have implemented Best Management Practices for many years.

HUNTLEY FARM LLC

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